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reports on naval observations in Kolskiy  
Zaliv

Att. No. 1: A two-page report on the observation of naval vessels and 50X1-HUM  
installations in Kolskiy Zaliv. The report  
describes a group of ships, composed of three cruisers, four  
destroyers, one submarine, and a target tug, which departed 50X1-HUM  
Kolskiy Zaliv.

The submarine had a medium-large, completely smooth hull, with a  
smooth-topped conning tower amidships. No armament was observed.  
the destroyers were of the SKORYY class. The  
report goes on to give information on port installations and  
controls at Murmansk. 50X1-HUM

Att. No. 2: A two-page port report on observations in Kolskiy Zaliv on 50X1-HUM  
The report mentions sighting five or six destroyers,  
believed to have two funnels and to be slightly larger than the  
two or three frigates which were identical,  
about 200 feet long, and had one funnel with a mast just forward.  
These vessels were lying alongside a repair shop at Rosta. The  
report also mentions other vessels sighted in Kolskiy Zaliv: three  
or four 600-to 700-foot naval vessels, two tankers, a submarine with  
a box-shaped conning tower. The report mentions a building on

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Att. No. 2 Ostrov Salnyy which was surrounded by masts, and on which antennas  
(continued) and a radar scanner were mounted, and several thousand green-painted  
oil barrels on a hillside just south of Mys Pinagoriy. Three  
seaplanes resembling CATALINAS were observed tied to buoys in a  
seaplane harbor near Guba Vayenga.

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SUBJECT: Port Report - Murmansk

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DATE OF REPORT: 9 June 1959

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the following naval vessels

were observed lying alongside the repair shop in Rosta; five to six large vessels, destroyers, and two or three smaller vessels, frigates.

Description: the destroyers. All of these appeared to be identical.

The vessels were estimated to be slightly 50X1-HUM

larger than the HUNT class. Repair work was in progress on the after deck of two of these ships. A wooden scaffolding, about 25 feet high and about ten by ten feet wide had been erected aft of the smokestack.

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smokestacks the vessels had,

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were two.

The frigates. All of these were identical, having a length of about 200 feet. Raised forecastle, very streamlined superstructure. One smokestack with a mast forward of this. Signal-yard and antenna equipment on the mast.

A tankship lying at anchor out in the fjord outside of Rosta was observed at the same time.

Description: The vessel was painted gray

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and flew the Soviet naval flag. Personnel in naval uniforms were observed on

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board. The size of the ship was 8-10,000 t d w. She ~~SECRET~~ full cargo.

three or four large naval vessels

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were observed tied up at buoys in Vayenga Bay.

Description: Their length was 6-700 feet. Two smokestacks. The vessels

seemed to be identical

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In Vayenga Bay, a gray-painted tanker was also seen at anchor. This ship was only about half-filled with cargo, but was very like the tanker that was seen outside of Rosta.

about two nautical miles north of Salni Island, a submarine was observed on its way in the fjord.

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Description: The vessel

had a

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somewhat lower bow. The hull was cigar-shaped. The tower was box-shaped, completely vertical fore and aft with no gradations.

2. AIRCRAFT: Three sea-planes were observed in a sea-plane harbor near Vayenga Bay. They resembled Catalina aircraft and were tied up at buoys in the water.
3. INSTALLATIONS ON SHORE: On a hill approximately in the middle of Salni Island, a building surrounded by several masts was observed. Several antennas were seen on the masts, one of which looked like a large television antenna. A radar scanner was seen at the top of another mast, resembling a navigation radar in shape but much larger.
4. OIL STORES: On a hillside just south of Pinagori Point, an unusually large number of green-painted oil barrels were observed. there were several thousand of them. There were no oil tanks in the vicinity. However, near the fjord, below the oil-barrel stores, there was a little wharf that was obviously meant for small vessels only.

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COUNTRY: USSR

SUBJECT: Observation of Naval Vessels  
and Installations in the  
Kola Fjord.

DATE OF REPORT: 2 June 1959

1. [redacted] a number of naval vessels on their way out  
of the fjord we observed [redacted]

[redacted]. The ships were in a column that consisted of  
two medium-large naval vessels ([redacted] destroyers) in  
front, followed by three very large naval vessels (cruisers), these again  
followed, in order, by one submarine, two vessels like the two ships at the  
head of the column, and last, a tow-boat that was towing a very large  
shooting target.

Description: The three very large naval vessels [redacted]

[redacted] of cruiser.  
the SVERDLOV class/ and [redacted]  
cruiser class.

being in  
the CHAPAYEV

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The four medium-large naval vessels were alike. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] but the two others had been spotted with red-lead paint, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had the break from [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

the forecastle down to the main deck near the bridge structure, and a square

stern that sloped inward. [REDACTED] the SICHY destroyer class

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The submarine had spots of red-lead paint all over [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The sub was a medium-large type with a completely smooth hull.

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The tower was midships and had a gradation forward, a smooth top and was

completely vertical or possibly had a slight slope to the stern, on the after side.

No armament or objects that stuck out were observed.

[REDACTED] a very large lead-painted object was observed close to the shore

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southeast of Salni Island. [REDACTED]

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At Rosta, a

number of small vessels were observed. [REDACTED]

no [REDACTED] naval

vessels or submarines at Rosta.

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## 2. SHIPPING-FISHING:

[REDACTED] several vessels lying at anchor were seen in the Tyuva Bay. 50X1-HUM

In Murmansk Harbor [REDACTED] all of the Soviet commercial

vessels flew three flags at the mast. The flags did not correspond to inter-

national flags, nor were they the same on every ship.

## 3. INSTALLATIONS ON LAND AND AT SEA:

At Letinski Point, a large ribbed structure (? Norw. "ribbeverk") somewhat similar to a sail-beacon, but much larger than that, was observed. The structure was set up between the light and the edge of the shore. A number of black anchoring-buoys were observed at the mouth of the Kola Fjord. The buoys all lay west of the lane, and in an area that was southeast of Toros Island.

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